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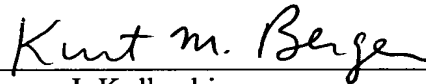
Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 is currently pending. Claims 2-30 have been canceled by the present preliminary amendment. In addition, the specification has been amended to clarify that the present application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/520,368, filed March 7, 2000.

Accordingly, an examination of Claim 1 is believed to be in order. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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